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FLUID APPLICATOR ENGAGEMENT DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-4 as originally filed, with Claims 1-4 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of December 14, 2000. The pages containing Claims 1-4 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-4, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is of larger cross sectional dimension than the axial length of the fluid applicator with which it is to be used, said support being adapted to float at or on the surface of the fluid with the fluid applicator engaging means at or just below the surface of the fluid.

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